THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) to (d) There have been no cases of adulteration detected by oil companies through underground hidden/unauthorised tanks, during transit in tankers and adulteration with solvents in Delhi. The company officials cooperate with law enforcing agencies and are in regular touch with State Govt. to cheek adulteration. Regular inspections/surprise checks of retail outlets are carried out by the officers of the oil marketing companies. Also special drives are being launched by the industry from time to time for checking malpractices including adulteration. With effect from 31.12.98, only pre-mixed fuel is being dispensed to two stroke vehicles as per directive of Supreme Court.

पांडेय नगर, रायबरेली के लिए रसोई गैस वितरक

403. **श्रीमती मालती शर्मा** : क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगें कि :

(क) क्या रायबरेली (उत्तर प्रदेश) में प्राकृतिक गैस का एक ही वितरक है और वह 70 कि.मी. के क्षेत्र में गैस की आपूर्ति करता है;

(ख) क्या रायबरेली जिले में पांडेय नगर के नगर निगम के संपूर्ण क्षेत्र में गैस का कोई वितरक नहीं हैं;

(ग) क्या पांडेय नगर के नगर निगम के संपूर्ण क्षरे को रायबरेली से ही गैस की आपूर्ति की जाती हैं जो 60 कि.मी. की दूरी पर स्थित है;

(घ) क्या सरकार रायबरेली के वितरक द्वारा गैस आपूर्ति की 60 कि.मी. की दूरी में कमी करने का विचार रखती हैं;

(ड.) क्या सरकार पांडेय नगर के नगर निगम के संपूर्ण क्षेत्र के लिए एक गैस-वितरक नियुक्त करने का विचार रखती हैं; और

(च) यदि हां, तो कब तक?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री संतोष कुमार गंगवार) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार रायबरेली में पांडेय नगर नगर निगम क्षेत्र के नाम से कोई क्षेत्र नहीं हैं।

Purchase of hot plates from Gas Agencies

404. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently issued any orders for the purchase of hot plates from the gas agencies at the time of release of new gas connections;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received complaints that Devi Anupama Gas Service, DDA Market-Ill, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi has refused to release new gas connection without hot plates;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (b) No, Sir. As per existing guidelines, prospective customers are at liberty to procure the stoves/hotplates from any source at the time of availing new LPG connections from LPG distributors, including the LPG distributor provided such appliances are of approved make/type. Presently, LPG distributors are authorised to recover inspection charge from a prospective customer at the time of release of new LPG connection, in case the customer procures hotplates/stove from sources other than the distributor concerned.

(c) to (e) The Indian Oil Corporation has not received any complaint against M/s. Devi Anupama Gas Service for forced sale of hotplate during the last two years.